

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2001



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

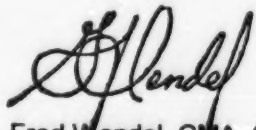
To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund as at March 31, 2001 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Fund's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 28, 2001



Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Acting Provincial Auditor

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
ASSETS		
Current:		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Notes 3 and 8)	\$ 4,302,576	\$ 3,732,798
Accounts receivable (Notes 4 and 8)	<u>96,895</u>	<u>92,652</u>
	4,399,471	3,825,450
Capital assets (Note 5)	<u>15,400,722</u>	<u>14,383,954</u>
	\$ <u><u>19,800,193</u></u>	\$ <u><u>18,209,404</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable (Note 8)	\$ <u>100,308</u>	\$ <u>110,953</u>
Net Assets:		
Net assets invested in capital assets	15,400,722	14,383,954
Internally restricted net assets (Note 6)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Unrestricted net assets	<u>2,299,163</u>	<u>1,714,497</u>
	<u>19,699,885</u>	<u>18,098,451</u>
	\$ <u><u>19,800,193</u></u>	\$ <u><u>18,209,404</u></u>

Commitments (Note 7)

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended March 31

	2001		2000
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	(Note 9)		
Revenues:			
General Revenue Fund transfer (Note 4)	\$ 3,060,000	\$ 3,340,645	\$ 2,895,266
Interest	200,000	209,834	168,062
Field permits and leases	157,000	167,394	151,205
Other revenue	10,000	42,618	26,647
	<u>3,427,000</u>	<u>3,760,491</u>	<u>3,241,180</u>
Expenses:			
Wildlife habitat projects (Schedule 1)	1,090,000	1,024,991	1,028,006
Fish enhancement projects (Schedule 1)	1,433,000	963,603	845,466
Grants-in-lieu of taxes (Note 6)	210,000	213,763	202,041
	<u>2,733,000</u>	<u>2,202,357</u>	<u>2,075,513</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ <u>694,000</u>	\$ <u>1,558,134</u>	\$ <u>1,165,667</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Year Ended March 31**

	2001				2000
	<u>Invested in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Internally Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Assets:					
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 14,383,954	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,714,497	\$ 18,098,451	\$ 16,932,784
Excess of revenues over expenses	(20,674)	---	1,578,808	1,558,134	1,165,667
Donated land	43,300	---	---	43,300	---
Net investment in capital assets	994,142	---	(994,142)	---	---
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>15,400,722</u>	\$ <u>2,000,000</u>	\$ <u>2,299,163</u>	\$ <u>19,699,885</u>	\$ <u>18,098,451</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended March 31

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from General Revenue Fund transfer	\$ 3,339,999	\$ 2,856,438
Cash received from field permits and leases	209,864	173,245
Interest received	209,834	168,062
Cash paid to grant recipients	(119,000)	(60,000)
Cash paid to municipalities	(213,763)	(202,041)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,859,563)</u>	<u>(1,979,752)</u>
	1,567,371	955,952
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(997,593)	(944,661)
Decrease in short-term deposits	<u>---</u>	<u>2,173,448</u>
	<u>(997,593)</u>	<u>1,228,787</u>
Net increase in cash	<u>569,778</u>	<u>2,184,739</u>
Due from General Revenue Fund, beginning of year	<u>3,732,798</u>	<u>1,548,059</u>
Due from General Revenue Fund, end of year	\$ <u><u>4,302,576</u></u>	\$ <u><u>3,732,798</u></u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

**FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2001**

1. Purpose of the Fund

The Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of Section 20 of *The Natural Resources Act*. The Fund was established for the purposes of preventing the reduction of wildlife habitat and wildlife population in the agricultural area of the province and for fish enhancement projects intended to prevent the loss of fish or fish habitat.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

a) Capital assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life. Annual rates for equipment are from 5% to 33%.

Donated land is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution as a direct increase in net assets.

Land jointly owned is recorded at cost at the date title is transferred to both parties.

b) Grant expenses

Grant expenses are recognized when grants are approved and the recipient has met eligibility criteria.

3. Due From General Revenue Fund

The Fund's money is on deposit with the General Revenue Fund (GRF) and in a bank account included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. The Fund's earned interest is calculated and paid by the GRF on a quarterly basis to the Fund using the Government's thirty-day borrowing rate and the Fund's average daily account balance. The Government's average thirty-day borrowing rate for 2000/01 is 5.59% (1999/00 - 4.78%).

4. Revenue - General Revenue Fund

The annual transfer from the General Revenue Fund has been set by Order in Council 526/95 as an amount equivalent to 30% of certain hunting and fishing licence fees collected by the Department of Environment and Resource Management. A receivable is recorded for the portion of the revenue not received before the year-end that relates to the annual licence fees. Included in the accounts receivable at March 31, 2001 is \$87,475 (2000 - \$86,828) receivable from the General Revenue Fund.

5. Capital Assets

	2001			2000
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	\$13,809,972	\$ ---	\$13,809,972	\$13,298,635
Land - joint ownership	1,529,674	---	1,529,674	1,027,326
Equipment	<u>471,232</u>	<u>410,156</u>	<u>61,076</u>	<u>57,993</u>
	<u>\$15,810,878</u>	<u>\$ 410,156</u>	<u>\$15,400,722</u>	<u>\$14,383,954</u>

6. Internally Restricted Net Assets - Municipal Habitat Conservation

Internally restricted net assets were established to compensate rural municipalities for taxes forgone on lands acquired by the Fund for wildlife habitat conservation purposes. The interest earned on this amount is reported in the unrestricted fund and is used to assist in paying rural municipalities grants-in-lieu of taxes on Fund lands located within their boundaries.

7. Commitments

The Fund has wildlife habitat and fish enhancement project commitments at year-end of \$512,000 (2000 - \$721,750).

8. Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments include due from General Revenue Fund, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. The fair value of these instruments approximates their carrying value due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

The Fund is exposed to credit risk from the potential default of customers. However, the majority of the Fund's receivables are from other government agencies and reputable long-term corporate clients, therefore, the credit risk is minimal.

9. Budget

The Budget for the Fund is included with the Department of Environment and Resource Management's budget submission to Treasury Board. Treasury Board approves the Fund's budget annually.

10. Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include transactions with related parties. The fund is related to all Saskatchewan Crown agencies such as departments, corporations, boards, and commissions under the common control of the Government of Saskatchewan. Also, the fund is related to non-crown enterprises that the Government jointly owns or significantly influences.

Routine operating transactions with related parties are recorded at rates charged by those organizations and are settled on normal trade terms. The following table summarizes the routine related party transactions for the year:

<u>Category</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Expenses	\$ 306,745	\$ 342,119
Accounts payable	17,905	43,867
Interest revenue	187,217	123,857

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to or from them are described separately in the financial statements and notes.

The Fund pays Provincial Sales tax to the Saskatchewan Department of Finance on all its taxable purchases. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

In accordance with established government practice, the Fund has not been charged with certain occupancy, financing, administrative and certain other costs. These costs have been absorbed by various departmental appropriations and, therefore, no provision for such costs is reflected in these financial statements.

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
For the Year Ended March 31

	Wildlife Habitat Projects	Fish Enhancement Projects	Total 2001	Total 2000
Salaries	\$ 476,087	\$ 579,541	\$ 1,055,628	\$ 1,036,730
Contractual services	264,291	112,729	377,020	384,288
Supplies and materials	53,309	99,038	152,347	140,872
Grants	119,000	---	119,000	60,000
Central Vehicle Agency	71,883	51,637	123,520	94,146
Travel expenses	34,132	22,895	57,027	49,500
Utilities	---	56,677	56,677	55,223
Amortization	2,088	18,586	20,674	20,775
Telephone	934	844	1,778	22,255
Communications	2,317	21,656	23,973	8,670
Habitat leases	950	---	950	1,013
	<u>\$ 1,024,991</u>	<u>\$ 963,603</u>	<u>\$ 1,988,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,873,472</u>

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**LIST OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31, 2001

2000-01 FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Personal Services (Salaries & expenses):

Arneson, David John	\$	51,916
Ashdown, Bradley A.		41,562
Baldock, Shawn		41,700
Banks, Gerald		61,442
Beek, Fred L.		47,098
Blixrud, Floyd M.		48,279
Cherney, Nancy E.		69,787
Coomber, Nancy L.		27,742
Greif, Genevieve		48,671
Hildebrand, Dorlin		28,093
Honch, Dick R.		40,206
Joerissen, Rochelle M.		24,153
Johns, Richard		6,619
Koob, Murray Michael		46,071
Kraska, Virna L.		23,412
Leahy, Laura		20,335
McGuire, Collin R.		17,316
Mitchell, Gregory		47,370
Olson, Conrad H.		53,303
Phillips, Ronald W.		43,902
Rosen, Patrick		42,867
Rumancik, John A.		40,121
Salamon, John P.		50,984
Sluchinski, Elaine M.		18,430
Smith, Christine		3,532
Wilchuck, Donna		27,242
Young, Allen		58,943
Young, Perry		51,641
Payments under \$2,500		<u>149,772</u>
		<u>1,232,508</u>

Supplier Payments:

Balfour Moss Management Services	626,738
Double K Excavating Ltd.	26,920
Ducks Unlimited (Canada)	86,753
Nature Saskatchewan	29,121
Ottawa Real Estate Co. Ltd.	121,796
Ratke, Wilbert & Joyce	63,000
Saskatchewan Association of Firearm Education	104,250
Saskatchewan Research Council	24,275
Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation	95,100
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation	34,529
SaskPower Corporation	46,021
Tocs Custom Ag. Ltd.	50,000
Payments under \$20,000	<u>420,833</u>
	<u>1,729,336</u>

Grants:

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities	208,712
Grants under \$5,000	<u>5,052</u>
	<u>213,763</u>

TOTAL

\$ 3,175,607